

## **THE POSTERITY OF CHRIST**

- We understand that Gen.3:15 refers to the messianic seed of the woman (Gal.4:4-5).
- We understand that Gen.3:15 refers to a perpetual spiritual warfare between Satan's seed and the Woman's Seed (John 8:44).
- We understand that Gen.3:15 refers to the seed of woman (Christ) crushing Satan at the end of human history (Rom.16:20; 1 Cor.15:24-25).

What is often missed in Gen.3:15 is the Posterity of the Seed of the woman.

(Rom.16:20) "And the God of peace will soon **crush Satan** under your (su/ aplm/ plural) feet.

**Question:** Whose feet? **Answer:** The Church / Universal Body of Christ / Your Feet!

(Rev.19:14) "And the armies which are in heaven, clothed I fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses." (Rev.19:7-8; 17:14)

<p><b>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of the Posterity of Christ (seed of woman).</b></p>
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### **1. The seed of the woman goes through four biblical stages before the birth of Jesus Christ.**

- The seed of the woman of Gen.3:15 (zera)
  - Through the Sethites (Gen.5) [Antediluvian civilization]
  - Through the Shemites (Gen.11) [Postdiluvian Gentile Age] (Luke 3:23-38).
- The seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (zera)
  - (Gen.12:3; 13:15; 15:5) [Postdiluvian Jewish Age].
- The seed of David of tribe of Judah (zera)
  - (2 Sam.7:12-16; Rom.1:3-4; Matt.1:1) [Jewish Age]
- **The seed of God (harah)**
  - Mary, pregnant with child/ Immanuel
  - Isaiah's prophecy: (Isa.7:14) [first advent] / (Isa.9:6) [Second Advent]
    - (Luke 1:31-35; 2:1-6; Matt.1:21-23)
    - Prophetic messianic history of Jewish Age).

### **2. The fourth stage will prepare the priest-nation for the virgin conception of the Son of God.**

- **Luke records** God sending witnesses regarding the coming of Christ into the world who were servants of the word (Luke 1-3).
- **John records** God sending the first prophet in over 400 years to priest-nation of Israel to announce the birth of His Son (John 1-3; 1:6-37) The prophetic ministry of John Baptizer (Acts 13:22-25)

3. **(Gen.3:15) taught that Satan’s attack would intensify with the birth of the seed of the woman (John 8:43-45).**

It began with the first birth of seed of the woman, Abel (Gen.4; 1 John 3:12). It continued to the last birth of seed of woman, Jesus Christ (**Matt.2:16-18**).

Luke gives a long list of those attacked as the seed of the woman in Luke 3:23-38 (78 persons) [Adam, Seth to Jesus]

The Intensity of Satan’s conflict is seen by the rejection by Israel of Jesus Christ.

(John 1:11-13) “He came to His own, and those were His own did not receive Him.” (John 1:1; Matt.27:19-23) [“Crucify Him!”]

Then it is seen by the betrayal of His disciples (Matt.16:21-23; 26:31-35)

(Matt.16:23) “Get behind Me Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”

4. **Shock came to Satan when the gospel of grace salvation was preached at Pentecost and 3,000 people were saved and indwelt by Jesus Christ.**

Satan witnessed the church grow immediately from 120 to 3,000 (Acts 2:41).

Satan witnessed the church of Jesus Christ explode in numbers by believers evangelizing their community and adding new converts to the church daily everywhere in world (Acts 2:47; 11:26).

Satan got the shock of his life when he learned the **mystery doctrine of the indwelling of Christ**.

(Col.1:26-27) “That is, **the mystery** which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this **mystery among the Gentiles**, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory”.

Every one of these born again believers were indwelt with Jesus Christ. Now he realized why he had so many fallen angels following him (Rev.12:4).

Now the intensity of the spiritual war between the seed of the woman and the seed of the Satan (The Angelic Conflict) is extended to the church of Jesus Christ in the world (Eph.6:12-17; 1 Pet.5:8-10).

(1 John 4:4) “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”

(Eph.1:13-14) “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.” (Eph. 4:30)